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# SENSORY PROGRAM

Newsletter



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## Online Renewal (available after December 1, 2005)

Hearing Screening Rules, R9-13-107(C), of the Arizona Revised Statutes states: “Every five years after completing a (initial) hearing screening course ... a screener who is not an audiologist shall pass a hearing screener course...”

T3 Train the Trainer has developed an online course for individuals who need to renew their training. Successful completion of this course meets the requirements for renewal of training set forth in the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) Rules and Regulations for Hearing Screening. The course takes four hours to complete. Cost: \$50 payable on-line via credit card or purchase order. After December 1, 2005, visit the T3 website at: <http://www.ag.arizona.edu/maricopa/t3>.



The ADHS Sensory Program will no longer be keeping a database of screeners. We are also no longer going to provide ID cards. Trainers will continue to provide certificates upon completion of training and make reports of training to T3. Keep the original certificate and attach a copy to the report form prior to sending to ADHS.

Schools are no longer required to submit Vision Screening Forms to ADHS. We strongly encourage schools to continue this very valuable service to students; however, ADHS will no longer require submission of the report. In addition, T3 is developing a Vision Screening curriculum. This should be available by the end of 2006. More information will be accessible through the T3 website (<http://www.ag.arizona.edu/maricopa/t3>.)

## New Annual Report Form

In an attempt to simplify the screening process and ensure compliance with the Hearing Screening Rules, the Report Form has been revised to match requirements as stipulated in the Rules (A.R.S § R9-13-109). The new form is enclosed and you can download it from the ADHS website: <http://www.azdhs.gov/phs/owch/sensory.htm>.



## Need Training?

Check out the T3 website: <http://www.ag.arizona.edu/maricopa/t3/ttopics.php> for a complete list of trainers.

## Childhood Diabetes: FREE Training!

- ~ Look for this upcoming training opportunity in the Health Street newsletter.
- ~ Fall Tune-Ups: Ways to Improve your Diabetes, Oral Health and Arizona School Health Annual Report Skills! Join a live interactive telecast in your area for Arizona school nurses and other health office personnel on Saturday, October 29, 2005, 8:00 a.m. - 12 Noon. Attendance and CEUs are FREE. Sponsored by: ADHS Diabetes Prevention and Control Program, School Nurses Organization of Arizona, and Arizona School Nurse Consortium.

**Moved???** If your school has moved or changed name, please contact the ADHS Sensory Program at (602) 364-1455 or email: Denisa Brown-Perkins at [brownpd@azdhs.gov](mailto:brownpd@azdhs.gov).

# Frequently Asked Questions

**Q. Where can I get a copy of the Vision Screening Guidelines?**

**A.** The Vision Screening Guidelines are available online. Go to the ADHS Sensory Program website at [www.azdhs.gov/phs/owch/sensory.htm](http://www.azdhs.gov/phs/owch/sensory.htm).

**Q. Has the Vision Screening Program Report been revised?**

**A.** No – the Vision Screening Program report has not been revised. ADHS no longer requires schools to submit this report. It has been removed from the ADHS website.

**Q. Since I am not part of the public school system (i.e. charter, private, preschool), are hearing screenings still required?**

**A.** Yes – legislation mandates all schools submit annual hearing screening reports pursuant to A.R.S. R9-13-109(B).

**Q. Are students who have transferred in the middle of the year required to have hearing screenings?**

**A.** Yes – if there is no documentation of prior hearing screenings. Under A.R.S. R9-13-102(C), a student may be exempt from hearing screenings if:

- \* Student is age 16 years old or over;
- \* Student's parent(s) object in writing to the screening as allowed under A.R.S. § 36-899.04;
- \* Written diagnosis or evaluation from an audiologist states that a student is deaf or hard of hearing; or
- \* Student has a hearing aid, an assistive listening device, or a cochlear implant.

**Q. How long may I check out ADHS equipment for hearing screenings?**

**A.** Audiometers and tympanometers are available for loan up to two weeks.

**Q. I completed a hearing-screening course seven years ago. Am I required to undergo new training?**

**A.** Yes – if your initial training was five or more years ago, legislation requires hearing screeners (who are not audiologists) to complete a hearing screener course every five years (A.R.S. R9-13-107(C)).

**Q. I'm new and I've never done screenings before. Where can I get training?**

**A.** Go to the T3 Train the Trainer website to find training information and trainers nearest you. The URL for T3 Train the Trainer is <http://www.ag.arizona.edu/maricopa/t3/>.

If you have questions you would like answered, contact the ADHS-Sensory Program at (602) 364-1400.



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